



COCAP BIWEEKLY: INCIDENTS SURROUNDING COVID-19

OCT 16 - OCT 31, 2020



COCAP'S "COVID-19 BIWEEKLY" COVERS THE INCIDENTS RELATED TO COVID-19 AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) FROM OCTOBER 16 - 31, 2020.

From October 16 - 31, 2020, COCAP's Nepal Peace Monitoring Project (PMP) recorded a total of ten non-violent incidents related to COVID-19. The incidents recorded mainly involved protests and prohibitory orders to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In the past 15 days, the PMP recorded 45 cases of Gender Based Violence. Sexual assault was the most common form of GBV with 38 cases, including 31 cases of rape.

42 CASES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

31 CASES OF RAPE

This bi-weekly report aims to inform our readers on the added crisis brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has affected everyone's livelihood and made some group of people even more vulnerable. Until October 31, the total number of positive cases reached 170,743 with 937 deaths.



INCIDENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

**OCT
16**

Parents picketed at Kathmandu Model School in Buddhanagar, Kathmandu against the increment of the school's monthly fee even during the lockdown.¹

**OCT
18**

Ratanchha area of Sakela Rural Municipality, Khotang was sealed for the second time for one more week after an increase in patients of COVID-19.²

**OCT
18**

Employees of Bir Hospital padlocked the room with the official of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMS) accusing that they have neither received any COVID-19 allowance for working in the frontline nor any festival allowances. Around two hundred people including doctors, nurses and other employees participated in the protest.³

**OCT
18**

On October 18, a prohibitory order was issued by the District Administration Office, Morang from October 19 to October 31 targeting the Dashain festival.⁴

**OCT
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All religious practitioners and organizations in Kaski staged a sit-in protest in front of the Kaski District Administration Office to pressurize for the reopening of the temples.⁵

**OCT
25**

The staff nurse of BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan boycotted duty for about three hours after they were instructed by the management to go home after duty instead of staying under isolation and they would also not be provided with facilities such as food and PCR test.⁶

**OCT
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Twentyone political organizations staged a protest in Kathmandu against the governments decision to stop providing treatment for COVID-19 infected patients.⁷

**OCT
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Tanjakot rural municipality of Humla district was sealed off for about five days after reports of increase in infections of COVID-19.⁸

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Locals in Dhangadhi protested alleging that the body of a patient of COVID-19 was buried in the middle of a residential area.⁹

**OCT
31**

Workers mobilized by Sino Hydro under the Tanahu Hydropower Project were agitated and accused the management of making labourers who tested positive for COVID-19 work instead of keeping them under isolation.¹⁰

INCIDENTS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

From October 16 - 31, 2020, the PMP recorded 45 cases of gender-based violence (GBV). Sexual assault was the most common form of gender-based violence (GBV) with 38 incidents [See fig 1 and 2] out of which 31 cases were of rape in which 25 victims were women and girls below the age of 26. About five cases of domestic violence were recorded each in Terhathum, Jhapa, Kanchanpur, Myagdi and Gulmi district.

Saptari, Rupandehi, Dang and Dhading district had the highest number of incidents of sexual assaults with three cases each [See fig 1].

FIG 1 - REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY PROVINCE (OCT 16 - 31, 2020)

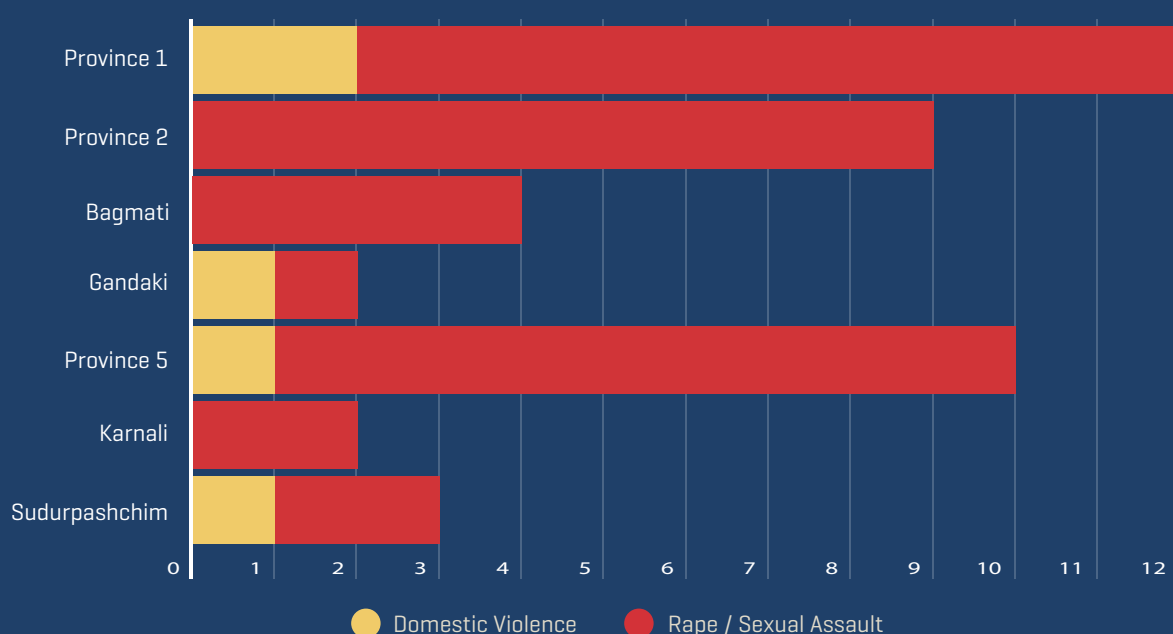
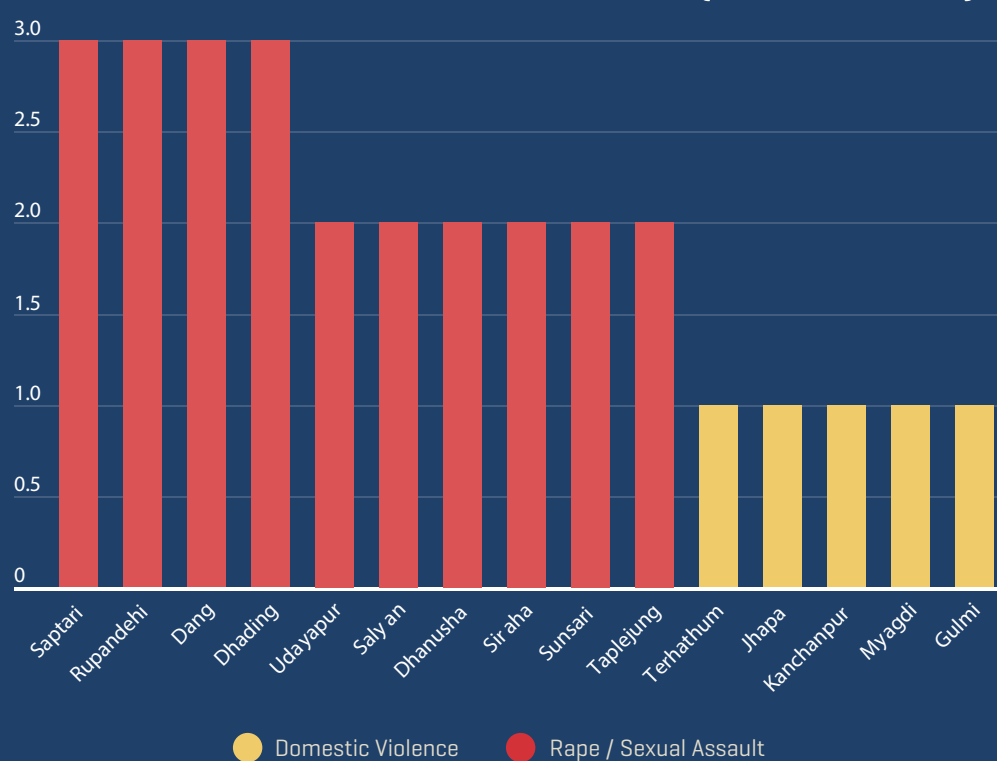


FIG 2 - REPORTED INCIDENTS OF GBV BY DISTRICT (OCT 16 - 31, 2020)



REPORTS OF GBV (GENDER BASED VIOLENCE) OCT 16 - OCT 31, 2020



ENDNOTES

1. See: Parents Protest Infront of Kathmandu Model School Against Fee Increment Despite of the Lockdown
2. See: Ratanchha in Khotang Sealed For the Second Time After Added Corona Infected Persons
3. See: Frontline Employees of Bir Hospital Padlocked The Room With NAMS's Officials
4. See: Morang District Administration Office Issues Prohibitory Order in District from Monday
5. See: Hindu Devotees Organized a Sit in Demanding Re-opening of Temples in Pokhara
6. See: Nurses of BP's COVID Hospital Boycott Duty for Three Hours
7. See: 21 Political Parties Staged Demonstration Against Government
8. See: Humla's Tanjakot Rural Municipality Sealed Off Due to COVID-19
9. See: Locals Stage Protest Citing Burial of Corona Victim Near Settlement in Dhangadhi
10. See: Hydro Workers Agitated for the Second Time for Not Isolating the Corona Infected Laborers

The PMP gathered data on violent and latent incidents past 15 days of the lockdown period by compiling reports from all major online news portals, national dailies, local newspapers from 20 districts, and incidents reports directly submitted to us. The goal of the report is to deliver an update and understanding of the incidents surrounding the pandemic of Coronavirus to better respond to the situation and to promote peace. The numbers recorded in this report are based on the reports mapped by Nepalmonitor.org.

